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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. Seventeen only

Part B for August 1941

SUBJECT

Japanese business in India
(M/s Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd Madras.)

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Secret.
D.O.No.F.56/1940

Bangalore, 15th October 1940.

OFFICE OF THE
FIRST MINISTER OF COUNCIL
OCT 17 1940
No. 3722

My Dear Kesavaiengar

I am desired to bring to the notice of the Mysore Government the fact that secret information has been received to the effect that the firm of Messrs. Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd Madras, a large Japanese business with its head office in Tokyo, which deals in metals, machinery, food-stuffs, canned food, artificial silk and various other commodities proposes to extend the sphere of its activities into Indian States in the South of India such as Mysore, Travancore etc. For that purpose the firm is opening a separate department to be in direct touch with the business in states and contemplates propaganda. The firm is reported to have the support of the Japanese Government and is generally to be suspected of combining intelligence work with business, like all other Japanese commercial concerns.

2. I am to request that I may kindly be sent any information which the Government of Mysore may have on this subject and that this Residency be kept informed of any developments that may occur in future in regard to the activities of this company

Yours sincerely

R Macaulay

Rajasevaprasaktha B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Messrs. Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd Madras

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	If approved a copy of the letter will be sent to the I.Gs with a request that any information available may be sent and that developments that may occur in future may be included in the Criminal Intelligence Reports Submitted with a Draft for consideration
	RS 18/X Find out from the Dy I/C if we have any dealings with this firm. Tenders Secty Should be consulted in such matters. When full information is available, the I.G.P. Should be advised to do the intelligence work. MK 18/10
	Submitted with a draft to the Dy I/C. After issue, the file with be sent to Dep. Secty. if approved.
	RS 22/X perusal before issue — Cpl 21/10 Devb
	Cpl 22/10 Issue & put up
2	Issued RSL 22nd Octr. to the Dy I/C
	RS 23/X Issued as resubmitted

Secy - S.P.C., with compts for kindly noting any information available re dealings with this firm

Cpl 23/10

mr K.S.

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The Stores Purchase Committee have not placed any orders with Messrs. Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd., Madras. It is not known whether there is any -- connection between the above firm and Messrs. Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Ltd., Madras. With the latter firm, the Stores Purchase Committee have placed orders in the past for porcelain insulators and copper wires.

D67- 25/10 Mr. Leiry Asst Secretary G.C. 2 25/10/-

Information has been called for from the Director of I & C., and reply is awaited. It is may not, however, be easy for the Director to have full information regarding the dealings of the firm with merchants in the State unless Statistics of Railborne Statistics give some indication.

The information noted above by the S.P.C. is for perusal. The firm with whom orders were placed in the past by the S.P.C. may be an associated concern, though different in name. This inform^n may be communicated to the Residency on receipt of a reply from Director, I & C also.

It seems better to keep the D.G.P. also informed. So the draft ~~[illegible]~~ in the file, as slightly modified, with the approved issue now alone

(Accepted) GPA 26/10

Messrs. Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd. - Messrs. Iwai

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For appl.

1st member

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4 From The Director of I.C.
13/CS of 26th Octr. 40 stating that
has been no transaction with the firm and seeing
a copy of letter from the Supdt of Sericulture re:
an interview he had with one Mr Sukhera of Bombay
a representative of the above firm.

The Dr. of I.C. has stated that there has
been no transaction with the Firm. A report re:
the interview the Supdt of Sericulture had with
Mr. Sukhera of Bombay. The report from the
I.G.P. also will be awaited re: Mr. Sukhera's visit
to Mysore and a reply sent to the Residency.
Submd for perusal.

RS 29/10

Yes

(I am not sure if the
firm referred to by the Supdt of
Sericulture is the same as the
one mentioned in the Residency
letter)

CPR 1/11/40.

Please obtain available information from S.P.C. re: names of Japanese firms in India. There is some publication about the [redacted] house of Mitsui & its activities etc. there may be a Japanese Year book

CPR 1/11/40.

The S.P.C. has no information on the point.
Mr. Sukhera is a representative of the same Firm
from the Bombay Branch.

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Mfg. Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd. Madras.

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From The I.G. of Police.
Fc (41/40-41 d 19th Nov. 40 enclosing a report and stating that developments of the C.S. in future will be reported to Govt.

The visit of Mr. Suhara from Bombay of the same firm is also mentioned in the I.G.P.'s report. It appears a copy of the I.G.P.'s report will be sent to the Residency as it also refers to the visit of Mr. Suhara Calcutta Representative of the firm.
Submitted with a draft D.O. for consideration.

(RS 21/11)

The report received from the D.G.P. is concise and gives a general idea of the activities of the firm & its representative here. A copy of this is proposed to be sent to the Residency.

(The Director of Agr. has sent copy of a letter from the Supdt. of Sericulture re: an interview which one Mr. Suhara, a repve of the firm, had with him re: sericultural matters. ~~The~~ The particulars given ~~therein~~ do not seem to be of any consequence in this connection).

Draft for approval

Secretary (Law) 20/11

I Member) 20/11

Issued D.O 2187 d 21st Nov. 40. 20/11/40. 21/11

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M/s. Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd. Moves Japanese business in India

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4 From The Secy to the Govt of India Ext Affairs Dept. No. F. 56/40-E&S dated 29th Nov. 1940 re the Expansion of Japanese business in India.

The Resident has referred to their previous letter re. the Firm of Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha. The I.G.P. sent a report in the matter and it was forwarded to the Resident. If approved a copy of the P.V.D. will be sent to the I.G.P. and as desired in Para 3 the Resident will be requested to furnish information if any. Submd with a draft for consideration

RS 2/12

(for member)

MK 2/12

2. DEC. 1940 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST MEMBER [illegible] COUNCIL DEC 2 1940 No. 5768

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MK 3/12

8 From 2346 dated 3rd Dec. from the I.G.P.

9 From The Secy to the Govt of India. D.O. No. F. 56/40-E&S dated 6th Dec. 1940 forwarding a list of members of the Indo-Japanese Association and requesting to furnish available particulars re the individuals.

The individuals regarding whom particulars are required seem to be employed in the Intelligence Dept of this Govt. Particulars are asked for if this Govt see no objection. Submd for orders whether the I.G.P or the Secy of the Dept be addressed regarding these particulars.

This seems probable but we need not assume this at present QA

Please draft to D.G.P. as usual

10. From 2398 dated 7th Sept. from the I.G.P.

RS 7/12

Submd with a draft to the I.G.P. QA 7/12

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QA 7/12 Appd. Issue & Submit

Chief Sec.

For perusal

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QA 8/12/40

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From The I/G/P Police.
F.C. 85/40-41 d. 19th Dec. 40 stating that there has been no indication in the matter so far and if anything should come to notice, the information will be sent to Govt.
Subd with a draft reply to the Resdcy

RS 21/12

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Chief Sec

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GOVT. OF MYSORE. 20 DEC. 1940

From Pol. 85/ dated 20th Dec. 40 to the Resdt. 12

From The I/G/P Police.
F.C. 185/40-41 dated 29th Jan. 41 enclosing a list re: the individuals of the Japan Association.
Subd for perusal with a draft reply to the Resdcy.

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Chief Sec

For perusal.

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From Pol. 123 dated 31st Jan. 41 to the Resdcy.

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From The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident D.O of 12th June. 41 re the visit of Mr. K. Matsui of the Nippon Trade Agency. Madras

The I G of Police

16 F.C. 286/40-41 of 13th June. 41 forwarding for information copy of the letter to the D.O.P in the connection.

The Residency themselves have written to say that Mr. Matsui has abandoned the proposed trip to Mysore for the present and proposes to apply later for similar facilities. The I G P has already issued the necessary instructions to the D.S.P. Shimoga in the connection Subd for perusal.

RS 15/6

No further action seems necessary.

The D G P has already taken action independently Perhaps he may also be made aware of the Commn from the Residency A copy of the Resy letter may be sent for his enformn

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Chief Secy (Law Secretary)

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SECRET.

22nd October 1940.

No. 1856/War

The Director of Industries & Commerce in Mysore,
Bangalore.

I am directed to inform you that the Residency have intimated that secret information has been received to the effect that the firm of Messrs. Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd. Madras, a large Japanese business, which deals in metals, machinery, foodstuffs,etc. proposes to extend the sphere of its activities to some of the South Indian States and that they are opening a separate Department to be in direct touch with the business in the States and contemplates propaganda. In this connection, I am to enquire whether there have been any dealings with this Firm at present and, if so, to request you kindly to furnish details of such transactions for the information of Government.

This communication may be kindly treated as confidential and a reply sent at a very early date.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

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SUBJECT.....

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File No.

Serial No.

Secret

No.

To The Dr of I & C

Sir, I am directed to inform you that the Residency has intimated that secret information has been received to the effect that the firm of Messrs. Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd. Madras, a large Japanese business, which deals in metals, machinery, foodstuffs etc, proposes to extend the sphere of its activities in some of the South Indian States and that they are opening a separate department to be in direct touch with the business in the States and contemplate propaganda. In this connection

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I am to enquire whether there ~~are~~ have been any dealings with this Firm at present and if so, to request you kindly to furnish details of such transactions for the information of Govt

This comm may be kindly treated as Confidential and a reply sent at a very early date

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Chief Secy to Govt

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SECRET.

No 1959/CS
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29th October 1940.

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

I am directed to enclose herein for information a copy of Residency D.O. No.F.56/1940 dated 15th October 1940 regarding the firm of Messrs.Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd., Madras, and to request that any information available on the subject may kindly be sent for transmission to the Residency. Any developments that may occur in future in regard to the activities of this Company may also be watched and information promptly furnished to this office regarding particulars that may be gathered from time to time.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government

Secret

The 19 of Octi

Sir I am directed to enclose herewith for information a copy of Railway D O no F 56/1940 S dated 15th Octr 40 regarding the formation of Messrs. Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd, Messrs. and to request that any information available on the subject may kindly be sent for transmission to the Railway Board. Any developments that may occur in future in regard to the activities of this Company may also be watched and information promptly furnished to this office regarding particulars that may be gathered from time to time

included in the Criminal Intelligence reports that are being sent to the Railway

Yours faithfully

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15/10

Chief Secy to Govt

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Tele { Phone No. 2004
Grams– INDUSCOM.

In reply please quote number, date & short title.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.

FROM B.G.A. Mudaliar Esq., B.A.,B.Sc.,A.M.I.Mech.E.
Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesaviengar Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

No. B|CB - 40/41

Dated 26th October 1940.

Enclosures

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CONFIDENTIAL.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.1856/War dated 22nd October 1940 requesting me to furnish details of transactions, if any, with the Japanese firm of Messrs. Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd., Madras, I have the honour to state that there has been no transaction with the firm.

However, I send herein enclosed, copy of letter No.2384 dated 25th October 1940 received from the Superintendent of Sericulture regarding an interview he had with one Mr.Suhara, a representative of the above firm on the 17th September 1940, for the information of Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

DIRECTOR.

GR-2)

D.O.No.2384 dated 25th October 1940 from Mr.H.S.Govinda Rao Esq.,B.A., Superintendent of Sericulture in Mysore, Mysore, addressed to Mr.V.Venkatachar, M.A.,B.Com.,Assistant Director of Industries and Commerce, Bangalore.

I am in receipt of your D.O. No.B.CB.40/41 dated 23rd October 1940 asking for a report re: the result of the interview I had with Mr.Suhara of Mitsubishi Kaisha & Co., Bombay, on 17th September 1940.

Mr. Suhara was sent on to my office from the Sandal Oil Factory and I had received information that he should be shown round or given much information. Mr.Suhara came to my office room at about 10-45 A.M. and I kept him in my room till 12 noon when he was called back to Sandal Oil Factory. Mr.Suhara wanted information regarding the silk producing provinces In India, the quantity produced, the quantity imported etc. He was not given full information as he was told that definite information was not readily available but he was given to understand that Mysore produced the major portion of silk produced in India. He wanted information re: the number of filatures in Mysore and expressed a desire to see a filature. He was told that the Filatures were situated not in Mysore City but in interior places and that it would not be possible to pay a visit to the filatures. He was not given any information re the filature and Silk Weaving Factory at Mysore. Most of the time he was with me I put him questions regarding the silk industry in Japan and China. I wanted to know whether he can arrange to supply univoltine and bivoltine silk worm seed from Japan and China and he pleaded inability. I also wanted to know whether cover glasses can be arranged to be supplied from Japan as we had obtained a supply some years ago from Japan. He took some sample but I have not heard from him again. As he said that he had samples of "Nylon" a new kind of artificial silk produced in America, I requested for a sample and this was sent to me from Madras Office. To his request for some eggs of Mysore race of silk worms he was told that no supply could be made.

P.T.O.

What all took place between me and Mr.Suhara on 17th September 1940 was intimated to the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore as a C.I.D. Sub Inspector had been sent to me next day for information.

Mr. Suhara wrote to me from Calcutta dated 24th September 1940 asking for some details about the filatures in Mysore and a reply was sent that information was not available with me.

Mr. Suhara told me that since his company supplied some Spun Silk to the Mysore Spun Silk Mills, Channapatna, he would pay a visit to Channapatna next day

I got a report from the Officer-in-charge of Government Silk Farm, Channapatna that Mr.Suhara spent about 20 minutes in going round the rearing section at Channapatna on the afternoon of 18th September 1940.

The Department of Sericulture in Mysore is not having any dealings with Mitsubishi Kaisha, Ltd.

Sd/- H.S.

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Director.

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CB

Secret.
D.O.No.F.56/1940.

Bangalore, 4th November 1940

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My Dear Kesavaiengar

I am desired to refer to my demi-official letter No.F.56/1940 dated the 15th October 1940, regarding Japanese firms, and to ask the favour of an early reply.

Yours sincerely

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Rajasevaprasaktha B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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To 141/40-41 Encl (one)

Tel. {phone. 2108 / gram. POLICE

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, dated November 19, 1940.

FROM

RAJASEVAPRASAKTA A. V. RAMANATHAN, ESQ., B.A.,
Offg. *Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,*
Bangalore.

To

RAJASEVAPRASAKTA B. T. KESAVAIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.1959/CB dated - October 29, 1940, regarding the firm of Messrs:Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd., Madras, I have the honour to enclose herei- a report showing particulars, ascertained from confidential enquiries made, and to state that developments of the Company, in future, will be ~~intimated~~ reported to Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

19-11-40

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.

SECRET

Report dated 18-11-1940 of the Sub Inspector of Police, pecial Branch, Bangalore.

I beg to report that confidential enquiries were made and it is ascertained that the only representative of the firm Messrs:Mitsubishi Shoja Kaisha, Ltd. is Mr.V.S.Begur, Proprietor of the Lamp House' Narasimharaja Road, Bangalore City. He stocks electric bulbs, sewing machines and other machinery manufactured in Japan and received through - Messrs:Mitsubishi Shoja Kaisha Ltd. Mr. V.S.Begur is visited by Japanese gentlemen whenever they visit Bangalore. In the month of July, two Japanese, Messrs:T.Tanaka, Registration No.52/Madras, and T.Suzuki, 1905/Calcutta, representing Messrs:Mitsubishi, were his guests. It is ascertained confidentially that they had long discussions regarding extending the business activities of this firm in the Mysore State. Again in the month of September, he was visited by another Japanese, Suhara Kenji Regn.No.5096/Bombay. He(Suhara Kenji) is also said to have had the same discussions with Mr.V.S.Begur.

Mr.V.S.Begur is ascertained to be residing in Narasimharaja Colony, Basavanagudi, Bangalore City not come to any adverse notice so far.

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INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.

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Diary No. of letter replied to..... Secret

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

My Dear Macaw

With reference to your Secret D.O. No. F. 56/194 & 15th Octr. 40 with the firm of Mys. Milon bisht Shyji Kaisha Ltd Mauritius I am desired to enclose herein a report furnishing ~~showing~~ particulars of ascertained from confidential enquiries made, and to state that any developments that may occur in future in regard to the activities of the above Co will be intimated to you. ~~as~~ in due Course

Yours Sincerely

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20/11

Date of issue..... to Mr BT Reservoir

Signed by .....

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No 2187/Ec
Ecl 1

21st November 1940.

SECRET.

With reference to your Secret D.O. letter No.F.56/1940 dated 15th October 1940 to Mr. B.T. Kesavaiengar, I am desired to enclose herein a report furnishing particulars regarding the firm of Messrs. Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd. Madras, ascertained from confidential enquiries made, and to state that any developments that may occur in future in regard to the activities of the above Company will be intimated to you in due cours

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Major A.E.H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Secret.
D.O.No.F.56/1939

Bangalore 29th November 1940.

THE RESIDENCY MYSORE

OFFICE OF THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
NOV 29 1940
No. 5397

Subd (1st Member) MK 29/11

Dear Hasanullah

MM 29/11/40

MK 30/11

In continuation of my secret demi-official letter No.F.56/1939 dated the 15th October 1940, I am desired to say that further secret information has been received to the effect that in May 1939 when Kurose of the Nippon Trade Agency, Calcutta, organised an Exhibition of Japanese goods at Dalhousie Institute, Mr. Nishi, the President of the Federation of the Japan General Goods Exporters' Association, accompanied by the General Secretary, visited Calcutta in connection with the exhibition and proposed to him to have a commercial museum in the chief cities in India and other Asiatic countries for the purpose of exhibiting samples of the principal products and staple commodities of Japan circulating museum, if found necessary and desirable, was a part of their plan. The report adds that Kurose approved of this idea and in June this year was very anxious to start a big department store in Central Avenue. He thought that by establishing such a chain of stores he would be able to get hold of enterprising, disaffected young Bengalis for the service of Japan. He was, however, recalled by his head office and so evidently the plan did not materialise. The reports mention that on going back to Japan, Kurose proposed to move the authorities to finance such a scheme in India under the auspices of the Nippon Trade Agency.

2. It is possible that this Scheme is linked up with a scheme for the inauguration of "Service Stations" also initiated by the same Japanese organization and whose object is alleged to be the expansion of Japanese business in India by the removal of such obstacles as heavy import duty, the recent ban on trading in certain articles, etc

3 I am to request that I may kindly be informed whether there are any signs of such museums being opened in the Mysore State and that this Residency may be kept informed of any future developments that there may be on these lines.

Yours sincerely,

A. Macaulay

Rājasēvāprasaktha B.M. Kēsavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore
Bangalore.

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Section W
File No. 64-40
Serial No. 8

Diary No. of letter replied to..... Secret

No. 2346/cs

To The I.G. of Police.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Sir,

Date of issue..... 3-12-40

Signed by ... Mr. M.K.V.

With reference to your letter no. 7.C.141/40-41 dt. 19th Nov. 40 regarding the firm of M/s Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd Nagasaki, I am directed to enclose herein for information a copy of letter no. F. 56/1939 dt. 29th Nov. 40 since received from the Registrar in the matter. I am to request that information, if any, as desired in Para 3 of their letter, may kindly be furnished to this office for intimation to the

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Chief Secretary's Office

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

Secret.

Dated, Bangalore, 3rd December 1940.

No. 2346/C3
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From

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. F.C.141/40-41, dated 19th November 1940 regarding the firm of Messrs. Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd., Madras, I am directed to enclose herein for information a copy of letter No. 56/1939, dated 29th November 1940 since received from the Residency in the matter. I am to request that information, if any, as desired in para 3 of their letter may kindly be furnished to this office for intimation to the Residency.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

MKV 3/13

For Chief Secretary to Government.

RS

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Secret.
D.O.No.F.56/1940.

Bangalore, 6th December 1940.

My dear Kesavaiengar,

I am desired to say that the following names figure in a list of members of the Indo-Japanese Association:-

1.	Ramaiger K.P.	Mysore.
2.	Rangiah R	Mysore.
3.	Rao Givinda	Mysore.
4.	Shamsuddin Khan K.	C/o Government Silk Farm, Mysore.

2. This Association, which appears to be known also as the Japan Indian Society or Association, is an organisation in Tokyo, Japan, which has developed from its start 30 or 40 years ago as a purely cultural organisation into a business and propaganda machine. There appears to be no branch of this Association in India, but it is believed that T. Kurose, a leading Japanese propagandist who till recently was attached to the Nippon Trade Agency in Calcutta, was the Association's representative in Calcutta. The Association also publishes a journal.

3. I am to ask that, if the Government of Mysore see no objection, I may be furnished with all available particulars regarding the individuals referred to in paragraph 1.

Yours sincerely,

Rajasevaprasaktha B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Section W
File No. 64 - 40
Serial No. 10.

Diary No. of letter replied to..... Sent

No. 2398/ CB
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To The I G of Police.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Sir, I am directed to enclose herein a copy of Secret D.O. No. F. 56/1940 of 6th Dec. 40 from the Resident desiring ~~requesting~~ particulars regarding certain members of the Indo-Japanese Association and to request that an early reply may kindly be sent in the matter for transmission to the Resident.

Date of issue..... 7.12.40.

Signed by ..... Mr C.G.R.

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Chief Secretary to Govt

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Examined by .....

WD 03695—GPB—30,000—29-1-40

SECRET.

7th December 1940.

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

I am directed to enclose herein a copy of secret D.O. letter No.F.56/1940 dated 6th December 1940 from the Residency desiring particulars regarding certain members of the Indo-Japanese Association and to request that an early reply may kindly be sent in the matter for transmission to the Residency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

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Tele {gram: POLICE
phone: 2108

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

No. F.C. 85/40-41.

Bangalore, dated.....December 19, 1940.....

FROM

E. G. B. PEEL. ESQ, C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

RAJASEVAPRASAKTA B. T. KESAVAIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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SIR,

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With reference to your Secret official letter No.2346/C.B. dated December 3, 1940, forwarding a copy of a Secret D.O.letter

A No.F.56/1939 dated November 1939 from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, regarding starting of Commercial Museums in the Mysore State for the expansion of Japanese business, I have the honour to state that there has been no indication in the matter so far and if anything in this connection should come to notice, due intimation will be sent to Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E G B Peel

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.

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Section W
File No. 64-40
Serial No. 12

Diary No. of letter replied to..... Secret

No. Pol 891

To The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Dear Sir,

With reference to Paragraph 2.0 of your letter No F. 56/1939 dated 29th Nov. 40 regarding Starting of Commercial Museums in the Nizam State for the expansion of Japanese business, I am directed to state that there has been no indication in the matter so far and if anything in this connection should come to notice due intimation will be sent to you.

I have etc

Date of issue 20. 12. 1940

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Signed by Mr. C. S. A

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Chief Secy to Govt.

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Pol 891

20th December 1940.

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore

With reference to paragraph 3 of your D.O. letter No.F.56/39 dated 29th November 1940 regarding starting of Commercial Museums in the Mysore State for the expansion of Japanese business, I am directed to state that there has been no indication in the matter so far, and if anything in this connection should come to notice, due intimation will be sent to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

No. 7c. 185/40-41.
Enc. (1).

Bangalore, dated January 27, 1941.
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FROM

E. G. B. PEEL. ESQ, C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

RAJASEVAPRASAKTA B. T. KESAVAIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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SIR,

As desired in your Secret official letter No.2398/C.B. dated December 7, 1940, I have the honour to enclose a note regarding the individuals mentioned in the enclosure thereto.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.

N O T E.

I. Mr.K.P.Ramaiya. He was deputed to Japan in 1934-35 by the Government of Mysore, to study sericulture. He was Senior Inspector of Sericulture. He applied for long leave on medical grounds and at the expiry of his leave was found unfit for further service and was retired.

2. Mr.R.Rangiah. The individual was a cloth merchant at Dodpet, Mysore, prior to 1918 and was dealing mostly in silk saris.

In 1916-17 he was selected by the Government of Mysore as one of the merchant delegates of Mysore City, and was sent to Japan to study industry and commerce there. He stayed there for about two years and then returned to Mysore. He died of influenza in 1918.

3. Mr.Govinda Rao. He is now the Superintendent of Sericulture in Mysore Service. He was deputed by the Government of Mysore in 1920 to proceed to Japan for higher studies in sericulture and stayed there for about three years. During his stay there he had to become a member of the Indo-Japanese Association in order to obtain facilities to pursue his studies. It is learnt that Sardar Sir M.Kantharaja Urs, the then Dewan of Mysore, gave him a letter of introduction to Mr.Y.Soyeshima, Managing Director of the Indo-Japanese Association, and also to Mr.G.Sakurai, of Tokyo. Mr.Govinda Rao is also a member of the Silk Association of Japan. Though he has not been paying subscriptions since his return from Japan, he has been treated as a member of the Indo-Japanese Association.

He does not know how to read and write the Japanese.

language.

i. Mr.Shamshuddin Khan. He is an Assistant Superintendent in the Department of Sericulture in Mysore, and is now on other duty as the Manager of the Mysore Spun Silk Mills, Ltd., Channapatna. He went to Japan in 1929 as a Damodar Das Scholar to study the silk industry and remained there for about two years. He is still a member of the Indo-Japanese Association and can read and speak the Japanese phonetic language "Kangi" only. It is reported that Mr.K.Suhasa, Japanese, Manager of the Bombay Branch of the Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd., Importers and Exporters, Tokyo, visited the Spun Silk Mills and the Silk Farm on 18-9-40 and that he was shown round the Silk Farm by Mr.Shamshuddin.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.

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Section W
File No. 64-40.
Serial No. 14.

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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To The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident

Sir, With reference your D.O. No. F. 56/1940 of 6th Dec. 1940 requesting particulars regarding certain members of the Indo-Japanese Association I am directed to enclose a note regarding the individuals referred to ~~in your above letter~~.

Date of issue 31. 1. 1941

Signed by Mr. C. S. R

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Chief Secretary to Govt.

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SECRET.

31st January 1941.

Ref 1123Ch.

With reference to your D.O. letter No.F.56/1940 dated 6th December 1940 requesting particulars regarding certain members of the Indo-Japanese Association, I am directed to enclose a note regarding the individuals referred to.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

Note furnishing particulars regarding certain members of the Indo-Japanese Association.

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1. Mr. K.P. Ramaiya: He was deputed to Japan in 1934-35 by the Government of Mysore to study sericulture. He was Senior Inspector of Sericulture. He applied for long leave on medical grounds and at the expiry of his leave was found unfit for further service and was retired.

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of the Silk Association of Japan. Though he has not been paying subscriptions since his return from Japan, he has been treated as a member of the Indo-Japanese Association.

He does not know how to read and write the Japanese language.

4. Mr. Shamshuddin Khan: He is an Assistant Superintendent in the Department of Sericulture in Mysore, and is now on other duty as the Manager of the Mysore Spun Silk Mills, Ltd., Channapatna. He went to Japan in 1929 as a Damodar Das Scholar to study the silk industry and remained there for about two years. He is still a member of the Indo-Japanese Association and can read and speak the Japanese phonetic language "Kangi" only. It is reported that Mr. K. Suhasa, Japanese, Manager of the Bombay Branch of the Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd., Importers and Exporters, Tokyo, visited the Spun Silk Mills and the Silk Farm on 18th September 1940 and that he was shown round the Silk Farm by Mr. Shamshuddin.

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For Chief Secretary to Government.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

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No. F.C. 91/40-41
Enc. (one)

Bangalore, dated 20th September 1940.

FROM

E. G. B. PEEL. Esq, C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE
FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
SEP 23 1940
No 2867

OFFICE OF THE
SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL,
SEPT. 1940
No. 2994

To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. KESAVILNGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

SIR,

I have the honour to enclose for the information of Government a copy of a letter No. S.B./ R.F.C. 100/40-41 dated 18-9-1940 received from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore, regarding a Japanese national named SUHARA KENJI, Registration No. 5096/Bombay.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE.

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Letter No. SB/RFC. 100/40-41 dated 18th September 1940 from the Superintendent of Police, Mysore District, to the Superintendent of Police, Special Branch in Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honour to state that Mr. K. Suhara (Japanese, Registration No. 5096 - Bombay), one of the officers of the staff of Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha, Ltd., 45-47, Churchgate Street, Fort Bombay, arrived in Mysore accompanied by Mr. C. Sambandam, Clerk in the Branch Office of the above said firm at Madras on 16-9-40 by 7-20 P.M. train from Bangalore and stayed in Hotel Metropole.

Arrangements had been made to closely watch the movements and the activities of the above said foreigner.

On 17-9-40, Mr. Suhara and Mr. C. Sambandam left the hotel in a taxi, visited the office of the Director of Sandal Oil Factory at about 10-30 A.M. and after conversation with Mr. Bhavani Shanker, Manager of the Sandal Oil Factory, for about 5 minutes, went to the office of the Superintendent of Sericulture and after talking with the Superintendent for about an hour returned to Hotel Metropole for lunch.

He again left the hotel at 2-15 P.M. in a taxi with Mr. C. Sambandam, went to Krishnarajasagara and having returned to Mysore at about 3-30 P.M. went to the Palace Office, took a pass and saw the Palace. At about 4-30 P.M. he visited the Sri Chamarajendra Technical Institute and after seeing the Zoo Gardens, he returned to the hotel at about 7 P.M.

He left for Channapatna by 7-15 A.M. train this day.

From confidential enquiries, the following particulars are ascertained:-

Mr. Suhara came to Mysore exclusively to study the position of Silk trade in Mysore and is a man of few words, inclined more to collect information than to give out.

It is ascertained that when he had seen Mr. Bhavani Shanker at the

Sandal Oil Factory, he requested him to take him round the Factory, but Mr. Bhavani Shanker asked him first to look to the work he had come and then he would see to his request. On this pretext, he evaded and did not take him round the Sandal Oil Factory.

At about 11 A.M. on 17-9-40 Mr. Suhara along with Mr. C. Sambandam interviewed the Superintendent of Sericulture and enquiried about the condition and extent of the Silk Industry and the quantity of silk produced in India. He further wanted to know the colour of the Silk produced and the quantity of the raw silk and thrown silk coming into Mysore.

He was informed by the Superintendent that silk industry is prevalent in Mysore, Bangalore, Madras and Kashmir and that Mysore produces about 60% of the silk production in India.

Mr. Suhara again questioned the Superintendent to let him know th number of silk throwing factories in Mysore and that he was asked to approach the Mysore Chambers of Commerce in Bangalore in the matter.

Since he informed the Superintendent that he wanted some Mysor silk worm eggs to be sent to Japan he was told that the eggs canno be given for export as Japanese Government have prohibited the export of silk worm eggs from Japan.

Mr. Suhara desired to know the number of filatures in Mysore and he was informed that there is a filature at T-Narasipur and another at Mutigundam in Kollegal Taluk.

As he further desired to see the silk throwing and silk reeling in Mysore City, he was told that there was no such factory in Mysore City itself.

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D.O. DEWAN'S OFFICE

(Camp) Mysore,
12th June 1941.

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My Dear Kesavaiengar,

It is understood that R.MATSUI of the Nippon Trade Agency, Madras, recently wrote to the Manager, Mysore Iron and and Steel Works, Bhadravati, asking for facilities for a Japanese Officer and an Indian Assistant to visit the "beauty spots" of Mysore State including the Iron and Steel Works and requesting accommodation in the Guest House and that arrangements be made to show them round the works. It is further understood that R.MATSUI also addressed the Conservator of Forests, Mysore Government, Shimoga, requesting him to reserve accommodation at a bungalow near the Jog Falls for the use of members of the staff of the Nippon Trade Agency for a day's stay. It is also believed that R.MATSUI received an unfavourable reply from the Hotel Metropole, Mysore regarding accommodation and, having in addition failed to obtain accommodation in any of the hotels in Bangalore, has abandoned the proposed trip to Mysore for the present and proposes to apply later for similar facilities.

2. The Hon'ble the Resident presumes that the Mysore Government may have been consulted by the Mysore officials concerned and that the reply regarding lack of accommodation may have been given as an excuse in view of the recent correspondence regarding Japanese activities in India; but in case the reason given is genuine and the matter has not been brought to the notice of the Mysore Government I am to inform you of the intention of a Japanese Officer and an Indian Assistant to seek facilities to view the Bhadravati Iron and Steel Works and the Jog Falls and possibly other

important

important places in the State and to say that the Hon'ble the Resident considers that pretexts should be found to frustrate this intention should the Nippon Trade Agency again seek facilities.

Yours sincerely

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Rajasevaprasakta
Mr. B.T. Kesavaiengar, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
(Camp) M Y S O R E.

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D. O. No. Secret.
F.C. 286/40-41 E2.

E. G. B. PEEL, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

(Camp) Mysore,
~~BANGALORE~~
June 13, 1941.

My dear Kesavaraja,

I enclose for your information copies of a report dated 11th June 1941 from the Sub Inspector of Police, Special Branch, Bhadravathi, and of my letter to the District Superintendent of Police, Shimoga, in this connection.

Yours sincerely,
E. G. B. Peel

Sabd.

Law Minister & Dewan

13/6 This has been done by the Revenue Secretary.

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Rajasevaprasakta
B.T.Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

Submitted.

No.F.C.97/40-41.

Beg to report that there is a reference from Mr.P.Matsius, Director of Nippon Trade Agency (BOEKI ASSENJO) Mercantile Bank Buildings, First Line Beach, Madras, representing the Japanese Foreign Trade Federation, Tokyo, Japan, to the General Manager, Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi, intimating the visit of Japanese officers with the Indian assistants of this office to Bhadravathi in the course of their pleasure trip to the Beauty places of the Mysore State and requesting to afford them accommodation and other facilities. The names of the visitors and the exact date of their visit to Bhadravathi is not furnished. It appears that the party may visit Mysore and then leave to Bhadravathi and may proceed to Joga also.

The extract of the letter from Mr.P.Matsius, Director, is as follows:

"NIPPON TRADE AGENCY
(BOEKI ASSENJO)
Mercantile Bank Building,
First Line Beach, Madras.

The General Manager,
Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi.

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** ** Our present letter is occasioned by the fact that the Japanese officers and an Indian assistant of our office are expected to make a pleasure trip to the Beauty Places of Mysore State; and since the visit to Mysore Iron and Steel Works at Bhadravathi has been included in the itinerary, we shall feel highly obliged if you can afford them accommodation in your Guest House and also make arrangements to show them around the factory works.

We take this opportunity to inform you that we shall be glad to render you any services you may require of us in our line".

Nippon Trade Agency,
Sd. P.Matsius.Madras.
Director.

Further report will be duly submitted after their visit to the place.

Sd.Hafiz Khan.
Sub Inspector.

11-6-41
Bhadravathi.

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D. O. No. F.C.286/40-41.

C. B. PEEL, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
In Mysore.

(Camp) Mysore,
BANGALORE
June 13, 1941.

Dear Mr. Somappa,

With reference to Sub Inspector Hafiz Khan's report No.F.C.97/40-41 dated 11-6-1941, regarding the proposed visit of the Director of the Nippon Trade Agency to Bhadravathi and Jog, please note that everything possible should be done discreetly to discourage this visit. Since the Bhadravathi Iron Works is a protected place, access to it should be refused and the General Manager and the Sub Inspector, Special Branch, should be informed accordingly.

The District Forest Officer, Shimoga, should also be asked to refuse any facilities such as use of rest-houses, etc. in connection with the proposed visit to Jog.

Yours sincerely,

U.K.Somappa, Esq., B.A.,
District Superintendent of Police,
Shimoga.

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Camp: Mysore,
xxxxxx 17th June 1941.

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The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

With reference to your D.O. No. F.C. 286/40.41 dated the 13th June 41 -

I am directed to enclose for your information a copy of D.O. letter dated the 12th June 1941 from the Secretary to the Resident regarding the visit of R. Matsui of the Nippon Trade Agency, Madras, to the Mysore State.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.